

HOUSE No. 1459

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the posting of nutrition information containing product content in close proximity to vending machines on school property. Children and Families.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Robert S. Hargraves
Mary S. Rogeness	Paul J.P. Loscocco
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Shirley A. Gomes
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NUTRITION AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Offi-
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 72 the
3 following section:—
4 Section 72½. All public schools shall prominently post nutri-
5 tion information containing product content in close proximity to
6 vending machines on school property. This information shall
7 include, but is not limited to posters or charts and must contain
8 nutrition information that is provided on the package of any given
9 product sold in school vending machines, including fat amounts,
10 sugar content, calorie amounts and any other relative information.
11 The information shall be displayed to help students understand the
12 nutrition value of vending machine products sold in schools.
13 Nutrition information must be posted in such a way so that it is
14 easily accessible to students. Additional information such as a

15 food pyramid, a picture chart, or any other information that may
16 be helpful to children of all ages to understand the content of
17 vending machine products must be provided in an easy to read,
18 age appropriate format. School nurses and nutritionists or both
19 shall be in charge of drafting and posting this information as they
20 see fit.